(a) whether orders have been issued by TRAI against the Reliance Company for payment of licence fee including penalty for not obtaining licence for mobile service;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what further action is being taken against the Reliance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The Government has accepted the expert view of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) to charge interest at penal rate from M/s. Reliance. Accordingly, M/s. Reliance has paid an amount of Rs. 525.24 crores.

Illegal Withdrawal of Money from the Saving Bank

1706. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to Government's notice that postal staff in some post offices in Jharkhand have fraudulently withdrawn money from the saving bank and other accounts of the small depositors, maintained in those post offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a thorough inquiry in the matter has been held;

(d) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(e) if no inquiry has so far been held, by when the same would be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU.THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 171 cases of fraudulently withdrawn money have come to notice in 20 Post offices in Jharkhand involving an amount of Rs. 25,85,156.75

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Following action has been taken against delinquent officials:-

Sl. No.	Nature of action taken		Number
1.	Officials dismissed from service		03
2.	Officials punished with other punishment like Censure, withholding of increment, recovery from pay, etc.		83
3.	Disciplinary proceedings initiated		
	Major	Minor	
	15	03	18
4.	Officials under Suspension		02

(e) The enquiries in all cases have been held. However, in a fraud case recently detected at Taranakho Branch Post Office (Hazaribagh), the matter has been reported to Police and 2 officials have been taken into judicial custody.

Computerized Post Offices in Maharashtra

1707. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices being computerized in Maharashtra alongwith the names of cities;

(b) the number of cities which have the speed post facilities and the places where this facility is being provided during the year 2003-04; and

(c) the number of post offices where ED employees are working and the number of villages which are not covered by post offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) Till the end of Nirth Plan, 228 Post Offices were provided with computers in the State of Maharashtra. During the year 2003-04,38 Head Offices are proposed to be computerized subject to required clearances and availability of funds. The list indicating the names of the cities/towns is given in the Statement-I (See below).